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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A system has a switch that allows virtual private networks to be created dynamically. The system includes at least one network. The system also includes a computer having an address. The system also includes a plurality of ports for receiving coupling to the computer. The system also includes a switch that assigns one of the plurality of ports to a private network according to the address of the computer. The switch assigns the port by correlating the address with an address list.